

In the Specification:
(referring to the SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION
filed on November 25, 2003)

Please add a new heading at page 1, above line 9, as follows:

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the Title at page 1, line 9 with a replacement
Title amended as follows:

MUFFLER ENGINE EXHAUST MUFFLER WITH GUIDE VANES IMPARTING
A SUCCESSIVELY ALTERNATING SPIRAL SWIRL GAS FLOW

Please replace the heading at page 1, line 12 with a replacement
heading amended as follows:

DESCRIPTION FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please add a new heading at page 1, above line 23, as follows:

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Please add a new heading at page 3, above line 6, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 13 to 22, with a
replacement paragraph amended as follows:

To achieve this object, the invention provides a respective
~~makes provision, by means of the features of the defining~~
~~part of patent claim 1, for a disk-shaped body having slots~~
~~to be provided in each case as each deflecting element and~~
~~to extend element.~~ Each disk-shaped body extends over the
cross section of the housing chamber, and [[for]] includes

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guiding elements which bound the slots, and which are in the manner have the form of guide vanes and belong to adjacent, vanes. The guide vanes of adjacent or successive disk-shaped bodies are respectively pitched or angled in opposite directions so as to deflect the flow in different opposite directions with respect to the main axis of the housing.

Please add a new heading at page 5, above line 13, as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please add a new heading at page 6, above line 15, as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF A PREFERRED EXAMPLE EMBODIMENT OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph at page 9, lines 12 to 20, with a replacement paragraph amended as follows:

The guiding elements 18 of each deflecting element 13 to 16 are inclined or angled at a uniform setting angle α of, for example, 15° ~~(preferably between $^\circ$ and $^\circ$)~~ with respect to the respectively associated radial planes 19. The setting angles α of respectively adjacent deflecting elements are expediently set positively or negatively, as emerges from fig. 2. A flow which is originally essentially directed axially is therefore correspondingly deflected in each case.

Please add a new paragraph at page 10, above line 14, as follows:

As shown in figs. 3, 4 and 5, each sector-shaped guide vane 18 thus has a free leading edge and a free trailing edge, with a respective open slot 18' formed between the trailing edge of one guide vane 18 and the neighboring leading edge of the neighboring guide vane 18 of a given deflecting element 13, 14, 15 or 16.

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